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1. EMBASSY CONTACTED DSO RIBNO STOPANSTVO (FISH INDUSTRY) IN BURGAS TO DISCUSS MARINE DEVELOPMENT CORP PRODUCTS DESCRIBED REFTEL. THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FREEZING EQUIPMENT ON LAND, BUT WOULD LIKE TO STUDY COMPANY'S LITERATURE AND INFORMATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT. DESPITE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED ON BULGARIAN FISH INDUSTRY OPERATIONS.

2. IN ADDITION, THERE IS COMPLETE DEARTH OF OFFICIAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THIS INDUSTRY. ONE 1975 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON FILE, HOWEVER, STATES THAT BULGARIA'S NET CATCH HAS INCREASED FROM 7.9 THOUSAND TONS IN 1960 TO OVER 100 THOUSAND TONS IN RECENT YEARS. BULGARIA HAS SHIFTED FROM A NET IMPORTER TO A LARGE EXPORTER OF FRESH AND CANNED FISH, AND OVER 10 THOUSAND TONS ARE CANNED PER YEAR. THIS ARTICLE DESCRIBES BULGARIA'S FISHING INDUSTRY AS BEING COMPLETELY MODERNIZED IN RECENT YEARS THANKS MAINLY TO THE HELP OF THE USSR AND OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES. A 1970 ARTICLE ALSO ON FILE INDICATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT OF FISH

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CAUGHT AT THAT TIME WERE OCEAN FISH WHILE LESS THAN

5 PERCENT CAME FROM THE BLACK SEA.

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